

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend paragraph [0042] on page 6 as follows:

[0042] Apparatus 100 also embodies a network 109. From network 109, the plurality of network/primary host/SAN data interchange links 122.1 to 122.N connect the network with the primary host group 101. Another plurality of network/second host data/SAN data interchange links 124.1 to [[11]]124.N connect the primary host group 101 with the primary SAN 120. Primary SAN 120 is connected with storage system 110 through multiple switch/storage system links 126. In an analogous manner, the secondary host group 102 is connected with network 109 through a plurality of network/secondary host data interchange links 123.1 through 123.N. Secondary host group 102 is connected with SAN 121 through a plurality of secondary host/SAN data interchange links 125.1 through 125.N. ~~Switeh SAN~~ 121 is connected with storage system 111 through multiple switch/SAN system links 127. Storage systems 110 and 111 are connected among themselves by a remote logical link 112. Network 109 (that connects the primary host group 101 with the secondary group 102), is either, but not limited to, a LAN network or a WAN network. Through network 109 that provides for the capability of creating a cluster system, a heartbeat signal is transmitted between primary host group 101 and secondary host group 102. More specifically, network 109 allows transmittal of a heartbeat signal between the hosts that are comprised in each primary host group 101 and secondary host group 102. Network 109 also allows for transferring a heartbeat signal from each primary host group 101 and secondary host group 102.